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Soviet Lead In Missiles Discounted

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Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday he has "no evidence" that Russia is ahead of the United States in the field of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

He also said he feels "quite sure" the Soviets "are not ahead of us" in developing atomic energy to create electric power despite the "very dramatic program announced recently in their sixth five-year plan."

Dulles, interviewed in a program for three New York television stations by Rep. Harold C. Ostertag (R-N. Y.), hesitated to make a comparison between United States and Soviet development of "ocean-spanning missiles."

He said the Russians "have made quite a lot of progress in that field, but I have no evidence they are ahead of us." Senate Democrats have charged that the Administration has permitted the Soviets to forge ahead of this country.

Turning to recent attacks on Josef Stalin by current Soviet leaders, Dulles said he believes the Kremlin is trying to persuade the "befuddled" Russian people that "they are doing away with tyranny." But, he said, the Kremlin still is dominated "by a bunch of tyrants."

Reading of the proceedings at the recent Communist Party Congress, he said, shows that Russian leaders still "want to take over the free world."

"They want to spread communism throughout the world," he said. "Now they think they can do it by other means. They think the softer line may get them further than the hard, rigid line of Stalin."

Dulles said he had no evidence to support rumors that Stalin was murdered, although "he had a lot of enemies."

Dulles, who is the brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, was asked whether their sister, Eleanor, who is in the diplomatic service, was "responsible" for the secret tunnel in which refugees were spirited from Communist Berlin to the West.

"I think that's a good Communist joke," he said.